

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/056,025 )  
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For: IMAGE GENERATING METHOD, )  
APPARATUS AND SYSTEM )  
USING CRITICAL POINTS )

Group Art Unit: 2613

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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